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THE ſituation of the Subaltern Officers of the Britiſh Army, reduced to Half-pay, has long merited attention, and being now become very diſtreſsful, forceably calls for immediate relief. Their Half-pay was fixed at the time the firſt reduction of the army took place, when 20*l.* was fully equal in value to what 100*l.* now is; and though great ſuch difference, ſince occaſioned, not any increaſe thereof has been made, or any effort whatever attempted, to effect that ſervice for them.

The Half-pay ſubſiſtence of a Lieutenant is but 40*l.* 9*s.* per ann. not 2*s.* 3*d.* per day. That of an Enſign, but 31*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* per ann. not 1*s.* 9*d.* per day. There are upwards of 2300 now upon Engliſh half-pay (beſides thoſe upon the Iriſh Eſtabliſhment), and from their being totally unable to ſupport therewith, they are oftentimes obliged to reſort to credit for thoſe neceſſaries, which the pittance of their half-pay will not allow them to procure, and almoſt as often, a priſon is the conſequence.

The above cauſes having produced the melancholy truth, of ſeveral of that moſt uſeful and meritorious Body, now languiſhing in different Priſons throughout England for debts unavoidably contracted, a SUBSCRIPTION has been opened for their enlargement; and as the purpoſe is the moſt uſeful of any ever offered to public notice, it is hoped, it will meet the countenance and ſupport of the liberal and humane.

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It is to the Spirit and Bravery of her Army and Navy, that England owes her power and greatneſs, and commerce (the ſource of wealth) its preſent happy and flouriſhing ſtate, the diſtreſſed part of either, therefore, have a preferable claim to the exerciſe of that philanthropy and benevolence for which the Britiſh Nation is ſo highly diſtinguiſhed—— particularly, when ſuch diſtreſs has been occaſioned by a cloſe attachment to the ſervice of this country, as is the caſe of thoſe, at preſent the objects of attention.

The Officers of the Britiſh Army are rendered more reſpectable, and deſerving commiſeration in their diſtreſs, by their being (in general) the deſcendants and collateral branches of the moſt ancient and illuſtrious houſes; and, from a moſt laudable zeal to be uſeful, entering into our ſervice, and oftentimes ſinking the portions allotted for their proviſion, in the purchaſe of commiſſions for that purpoſe. Some of that very valuable claſs of men, who are now ſuffering the miſeries of impriſonment in the moſt pungent degree, have bled in the field; and moſt of them have gone through campaigns of great toil and fatigue; and faced every peril and danger incident to war, for the ſervice of this country——*Engliſhmen* ſurely will not ſuffer her brave countrymen and gallant defenders, to pine and languiſh in miſery, within the walls of moſt horrible priſons, unnoticed and neglected——Humanity, and the honor of the Britiſh Nation forbid the like; and as every claſs of men benefit by that protection they afford, it is devoutly hoped, that *all* will unite in contributing to aid the very uſeful purpoſe in view, that of reſtoring to thoſe of our brave protectors, now in miſerable captivity, the enjoyment of that ineſtimable bleſſing——*LIBERTY*.

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